

Continuation Application of  
Serial No. 09/495,390  
Preliminary Amendment

**Clean Version of Amended Paragraph**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/495,390, filed January 31, 2000, and entitled "Systems and Methods for Monitoring and Controlling Use of Medical Devices," which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/026,296, filed February 19, 1998, and entitled "Method for Treating a Sphincter" (now U.S. Patent No. 6,009,877) and a continuation-in-part of co-pending provisional United States Patent Application Serial Number 60/152,749, filed September 8, 1999 and entitled "Systems and Methods for Monitoring and Controlling Use of Medical Devices."

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